

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cora Pattie Menefee Taylor on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Cora Pattie Menefee Taylor of the Whitesburg community recently celebrated her 100th birthday, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the goddaughter of an elephant trainer, Cora Pattie Taylor was born in Denver, Colorado, on November 14, 1916; she was an avid swimmer, ice skater, and skier in her youth; and

WHEREAS, a 1934 graduate of Denver High School, Cora Pattie Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in English and theatre from Colorado State University in 1938; and

WHEREAS, while working with the Red Cross in Brazil, she met Sam Taylor, a Navy man; the pair quickly fell in love and moved back to his home in Tennessee. After World War II, they raised three sons and a daughter; and

WHEREAS, upon earning a master's degree in library science at the University of Tennessee, Mrs. Taylor became the librarian at Miller Boyd Alternative School before desegregation; when John Hay Elementary School opened, she served as its librarian for many years and was recently inducted into the school's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Cora Taylor enjoyed every minute of her time as a librarian, and many people in the community have fond childhood memories of her reading to them; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement at age sixty-six, Mrs. Taylor and her husband traveled and remained active in the community until his death in 2009; and

WHEREAS, known throughout Whitesburg for her superb cooking skills, Mrs. Taylor served as a valued member of the PTA, Library Board, and the General Federation for Women's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, this year, she celebrates her seventy-fifth year of membership in P.E.O., a philanthropic club of women helping women; and

WHEREAS, as Cora Pattie Taylor approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society who advises others to stay aware and up to date on the things happening around them, urging them to participate as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Cora Pattie Menefee Taylor on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.